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LICENSED RATION SHOPS OWNED BY THE SEVERAL COMMUNITIES

285. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to furnish a list containing the total number of licensed ration shops owned by the several communities in the State?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. A list showing the total number of ration shops owned by each community is appended. (Appendix)

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the communal War system or rather the Staff Selection Board principle has to be strictly adhered to in the case of Fair Price Shops also.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No, Sir. Those who wanted to do business and whom we thought it would be better to entrust the shops were given them.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* My humble question was, Sir, whether it is a principle or whether it is an accident that these shops were given to people belonging to different communities?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* That is what I explained. People applied and we enquired into their applications whether they would do the business well and they will serve the purpose and they were given. No particular communities were sought to be represented.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it, Sir, that the number given in Appendix is proportionate to the number of officers from the various communities?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I have not gone into that aspect.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* May I know whether it is not the policy of the Government to see that as far as possible licensed shops are given communal war without infringing on the system of working?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* When other things are equal there is no objection to give the shops to the different communities.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the applicants were asked to state in their applications the name of the community to which they belong?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Was any enquiry ordered to be made or actually made to find out to which community an applicant belongs or was only his competence taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Competence to run the shop and his usefulness in any particular area were the main considerations.

PRICE OF JAGGERY

286. Mr. P. P. Devassi *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the average price paid by the Civil Supplies Department for one cwt. of jaggery in 1119;

(*b*) what is the transport charges incurred on an average per cwt. in 1119;

(*c*) what was the average selling price of jaggery per cwt. at the depots or shops under the Civil Supplies Department;

(*d*) what is the percentage of profit made?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Rs. 13—4—4 including Administrative surcharge, packing and sales tax.

(*b*) Rs. 2—1—10.

(*c*) Rs 18—15—0.

(*d*) No profit. There was shortage; and a tare for an average of about 3 lbs. per cwt. towards the weight of packing was allowed to the merchants. When these are taken into consideration there will be no profit made in the transaction.

BUND IN KOLADATH PADAM—REQUEST FOR

287. Mr. P. Narayana Menon *(Trippunittura):* Will Government be pleased to answer.—

(*a*) did the Government receive a petition requesting for the putting up of a bund in the "Koladath Padam" in Nettoor in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk in 1119 or 1120;

(*b*) if so, what did the Government do in the matter?